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C O N F I D E N T I A L MBABANE 0160

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, WZ
SUBJECT: OIL REFINERY IN SWAZILAND

REF: A) 77 MBABANE 3601; B) 77 MBABANE 3309

1. ON DECEMBER 13, TIM ZWANE, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, MINES AND TOURISM PRESIDED OVER A
MEETING OF SWAZILAND'S POL PRODUCTS SUPPLIERS (REF A).
AS REPORTED IN REF B, GOS IS INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING AN OIL REFINERY IN SWAZILAND TO END DEPENDENCE
ON RSA OIL REFINERIES IN CASE OF AN OIL EMBARGO.

2. ZWANE WAS AGAIN INFORMED THAT A REFINERY FOR SWAZILAND
IS IMPRACTICAL AND ECONOMICALLY UNFEASIBLE. THE REPRESENTATIVES
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OF SHELL, CALTEX AND BP ALL STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE
TO SUBSTITUTE POL PRODUCTS FROM MOMBASA OR PERSIAN GULF IF
RSA CUT OFF SUPPLIES.

3. COMMENT: ZWANE WILL PASS THAT MESSAGE ON TO THE CABINET,
WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL END GOS ATTEMPTS TO CONSTRUCT
THEIR OWN REFINERY. SWAZILAND AND MOZAMBIQUE WILL

BE ABLE TO SURVIVE ANY OIL EMBARGO DIRECTED AT RSA
WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION TO THEIR ECONOMIES.
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